

REMARKS

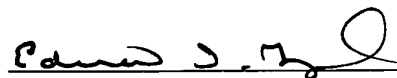
Prior to the present amendment, claims 1-156 were pending. In the present amendment, applicants have canceled claims 2-17, 19-32, 34-51, 53-65, 67-74, 76-85, 87-91, 93-101, 103-115, 117-126, 128-138, 140-146 and 148-156; amended claims 116 and 127; and added new claim 157. Accordingly, claims 1, 18, 33, 52, 66, 75, 86, 92, 102, 116, 127, 139, 147 and 157 are currently pending.

Applicants have amended the specification to insert priority claims. In addition, applicants have amended claim 116 to correct the dependency, and amended claim 127 in order to remove multiple dependencies. No new subject matter has been introduced as a result of this amendment.

Applicants enclose herewith a Sequence Listing in paper form. Applicants also file herewith a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing. A transmission cover sheet filed herewith includes a signed statement of equivalence of the Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form.

As a result of this amendment, no additional fees should be assessed as a result of filing multiple dependent claims. Therefore, since new matter has not been introduced as a result of this amendment, entry hereof and examination and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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